



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Mall Scores With New Football Fence For Local Refuge**

Youngsters staying at a Survive Womens Aid refuge in South Gloucestershire can now play football in the garden without disturbing their neighbours, thanks to a newly-erected garden fence organised by The Mall at Cribbs Causeway.

Knightstone Housing Association, on behalf of Survive Womens Aid, had applied to The Mall's Fountain Charity Fund for a grant to erect a secure chain-link fence within the existing back garden perimeter fence. Keen to help, The Mall arranged for the work to be carried out by its building contractor FJ Crew.

John Devoy of MacLellan, The Mall's facilities management contractor, who sits on the Charity Fund's Grants Panel, said: "The children staying at the Survive refuge really enjoy their football but the noise of the ball constantly hitting the wooden fence panels often disturbed the neighbours and even knocked down some of the panels, meaning they couldn't go out and play in the garden any more. We are very grateful to FJ Crew who donated their time and materials to complete the project."

Staff from the Bedminster-based firm erected the 50 metres of fencing over one weekend.

Jo Giles, manager of the refuge, says everyone is thrilled that they can use the garden again. "The new chain-link fence means the children can play to their heart's content without making any noise, apart from cheering when they score a goal!" she said.

The Mall's Fountain Charity Fund was established in 2003 to mark The Mall's fifth birthday and is administered by the Greater Bristol Foundation. The bulk of the Fund's money comes from coins thrown by shoppers into The Mall's fountain. To date, 50 grants totalling £37,000 have been given to local voluntary organisations and charities.

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